



Federal Communications Commission
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Sprint Nextel
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RE: Sprint Nextel Corporation's December 1, 2005 comments on the 800 MHz Transition Administrator's November 10, 2005 Quarterly Report (WT Docket No. 02-55).

Dear Mr. Krevor:

On December 1, 2005, Sprint Nextel Corporation (Sprint Nextel) submitted a letter to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau commenting on the 800 MHz Transition Administrator's (TA) Quarterly Report submitted to the FCC on November 10, 2005.¹ In its letter, Sprint Nextel identifies what it considers to be obstacles to completing 800 MHz band reconfiguration in the specified thirty-six month time frame. It requests that the previously designated start date for 800 MHz band reconfiguration (June 27, 2005) be readjusted to sixty days after publication of the *800 MHz Memorandum Opinion and Order* in the Federal Register.²

We appreciate the comments and concerns regarding the 800 MHz band reconfiguration process expressed in your letter, and will keep your observations in mind as we continue to oversee this complex endeavor. While we are sensitive to the challenges involved in the 800 MHz rebanding process, we are also mindful that a paramount goal of the Commission in this proceeding is to eliminate harmful interference to public safety systems as quickly as possible. We therefore believe the public interest would not be served by a blanket adjustment of the current 36-month rebanding schedule, and will not grant your request that we establish a new start date in lieu of the previously designated June 27, 2005 start date. We emphasize, however, that our decision does not preclude the TA or the Commission from considering individual requests by 800 MHz licensees for adjustment of their band reconfiguration schedules where good cause is shown.

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Catherine W. Seidel
Acting Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau
Federal Communications Commission

¹ Letter, dated December 1, 2005, from Lawrence R. Krevor, Vice President – Spectrum, Sprint Nextel Corporation, to Catherine Seidel, Acting Chief, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Sprint Nextel Letter)

² Sprint Nextel Letter at 7. The *800 MHz Memorandum Opinion and Order* was published in the Federal Register on December 28, 2005. Thus, Nextel's proposed adjustment would cause the 36-month reconfiguration period to begin on February 27, 2006 and end on February 27, 2009.